

Fort Massanutten
Near Luray
Page County
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-FORT MASSANUTTEN
Luray vicinity, Page County, Virginia

Date of erection: c. 1760

Builder: Isaac Strickler

Present condition: Ruinous

Description:

The building is one of a group near Luray built with defensive features for protection of the occupants from Indian raids. Usually these consisted of a stone vaulted cellar refuge, as here, with gun slots. Fort Massanutten is two stories high, of roughly coursed stone, with the chimneys and apexes of the gables of brick. The roof is gabled, with inside end chimneys on either side of which is a single window in each floor. Windows on the two lower floors have six-over-six light sash; those in the attic have small square lights.

The rear elevation is of three bays with off-axis center door. The front probably was of four bays with two windows to the left and one to the right of the doorway. When examined, the interior partitions had largely been removed and the plan was not obvious. In the basement was at one time a stone-vaulted cellar, but it could not be examined.

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